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NETWORK ECONOMY ANNUAL REPORT TO TRANSMISSION CUSTOMERS

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Introduction

Pursuant to British Columbia Utilities Commission (the "Commission") Order No. G-127-06, Appendix 1 (Appendix 1), BC Hydro is to convene an annual Network Economy Meeting to discuss, on a "without prejudice" basis, issues arising with respect to the use of Network Economy. The first annual meeting was to take place one year after implementation of the revised Network Economy provisions and no later than June 1, 2008. No issue with respect to the use of Network Economy had arisen and, with approval of the Commission, the meeting was not held.

In 2009, in BC Hydro's consultation on the requirement of the Network Economy annual meeting, a customer proposed that a meeting may not be necessary if BC Hydro prepared an annual Network Economy report showing trends and statistics along with explanations for the figures. This proposal was subsequently approved by the Commission via Letter No. L-32-09 (Appendix 2).

In 2010, again there was no interest by customers to hold a Network Economy annual meeting so BC Hydro requested permission from the Commission to not hold a 2010 Network Economy meeting. The Commission, via Letter No. L-45-10 (Appendix 3), approved BC Hydro's request and furthermore stated that BC Hydro is only expected to convene an annual Network Economy meeting if customers of BC Hydro expressly ask for a meeting by way of a letter to BC Hydro and copied to the Commission. Additionally, the Commission requested BC Hydro to continue its postings of future annual Network Economy meeting bulletins and future Annual Reports.

On April 3, 2013, BC Hydro posted a bulletin (Appendix 4) stating that as a result of an inquiry from a market participant regarding the economic test results for Network Economy BC Hydro determined that there was an inadvertent error in the data used to calculate the Trigger Price, which is a component of the economic test. This error was corrected and an historical analysis was conducted. BC Hydro reported on the results of its historical analysis in its 2012 Network Economy Annual Report to the Commission (Appendix 5). BC Hydro's analysis showed that while the results of the economic test for Network Economy were incorrect in certain hours due to incorrect data being inadvertently used in the calculation, there were no interruptions to non-firm transmission service due to Network Economy during those hours.

As BC Hydro stated in its 2012 Network Economy Annual Report to the Commission (Appendix 5), the Network Economy Meeting would be an appropriate forum for stakeholders to raise concerns with the error in the economic test and BC Hydro's historical analysis.

Purpose

Network Economy is also known as Secondary Service under the OATT (Appendix 6). The terms and conditions for Network Economy are described in Sections 28.4 and 28.6, Attachment Q-2, the Settlement Agreement (Appendix 1, page 2 of 20 onwards), and Tariff Supplement No. 80 (Appendix 7).

There are two components that determine the priority of Network Economy Transmission Service: the Network Economy Utilization Test and the Economic Test. The procedures for calculating the Network Economy Utilization Test, and the market and trigger price determinations for calculating the Economic Test are set out in BC Hydro Business Practice (Appendix 8) entitled Network Economy Service.

This report details the history of the use of Network Economy for the last three years until BC Hydro's recent fiscal year end (March 21, 2010 to March 23, 2013). The statistics that follow provide information on volume, the utilization rate, the frequency of times that the Network Customer passed the Economic Test, and the relationship between volume and price.

Specifically, for the Utilization Test:

- Graphs 1 and 2 show the Network Economy transmission volume (MWh) that was reserved.
- Graphs 3 and 4 show the Utilization Rate.

For the Economic Test:

- Table 1.1 summarizes the results of the Economic Test as historically calculated over the period
- Table 1.2 summarizes the results of the Economic Test as corrected for the inadvertent error reported in BC Hydro's 2012 Network Economy Annual Report (Appendix 5)
- Table 2 provides a summary of the average Market Price for the US-BC and AB-BC interties.
- Graphs 5 and 6 illustrate the relationship between the Network Economy transmission volume and the average Market Price.

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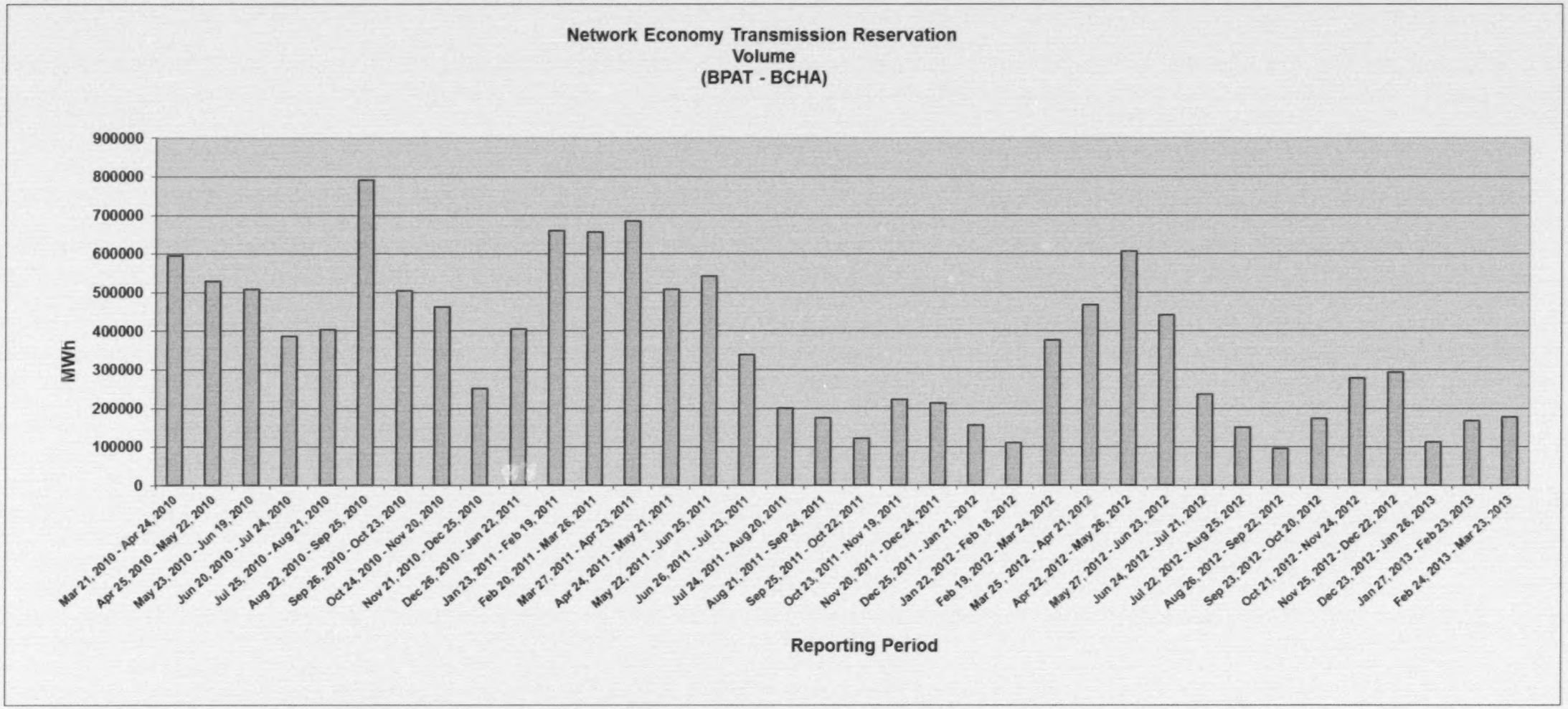
Utilization Test

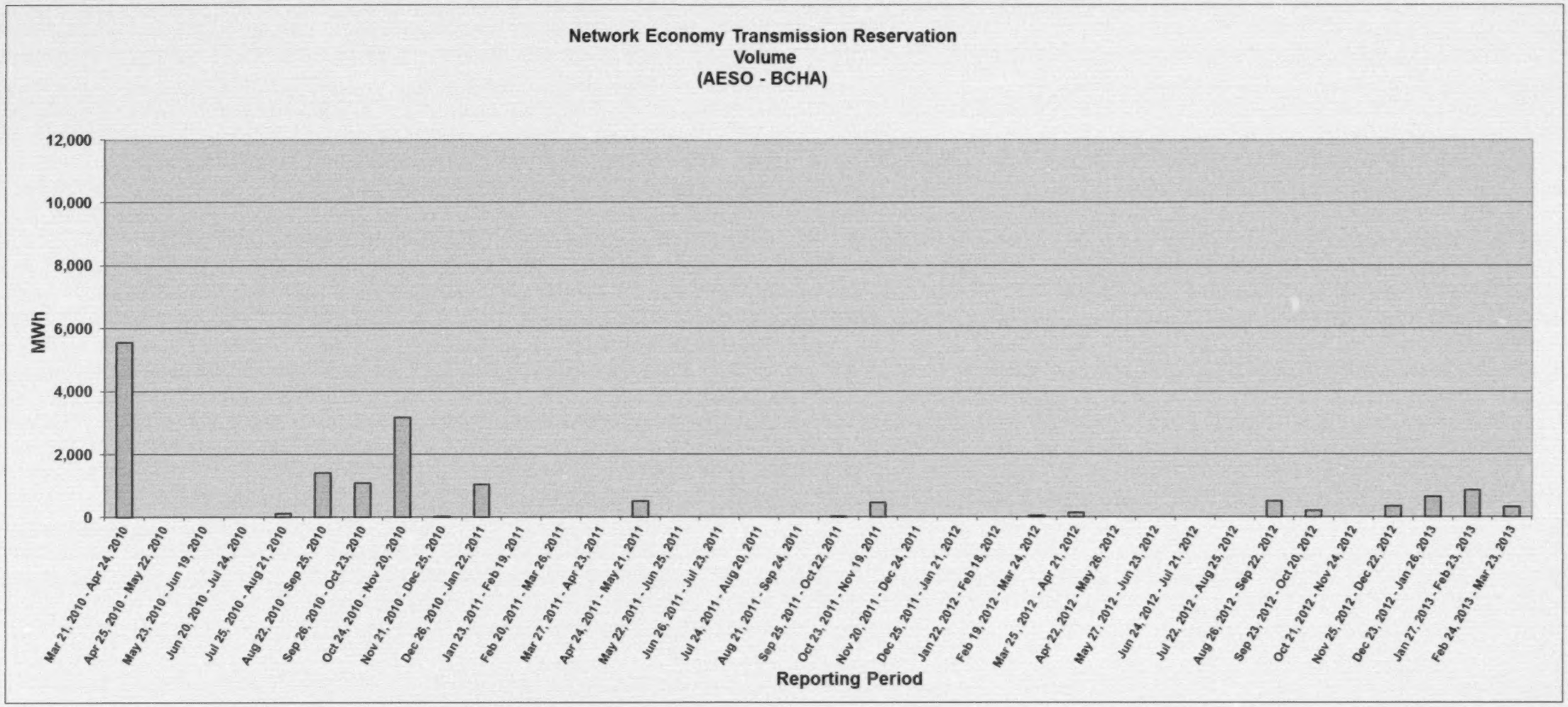
Results are shown in Graphs 1-4.

Graph 1: The graph below shows the Network Economy transmission volume (MWh) that was reserved by the Network Customer from March 21, 2010 to March 23, 2013 on the BPAT-BCHA import path.



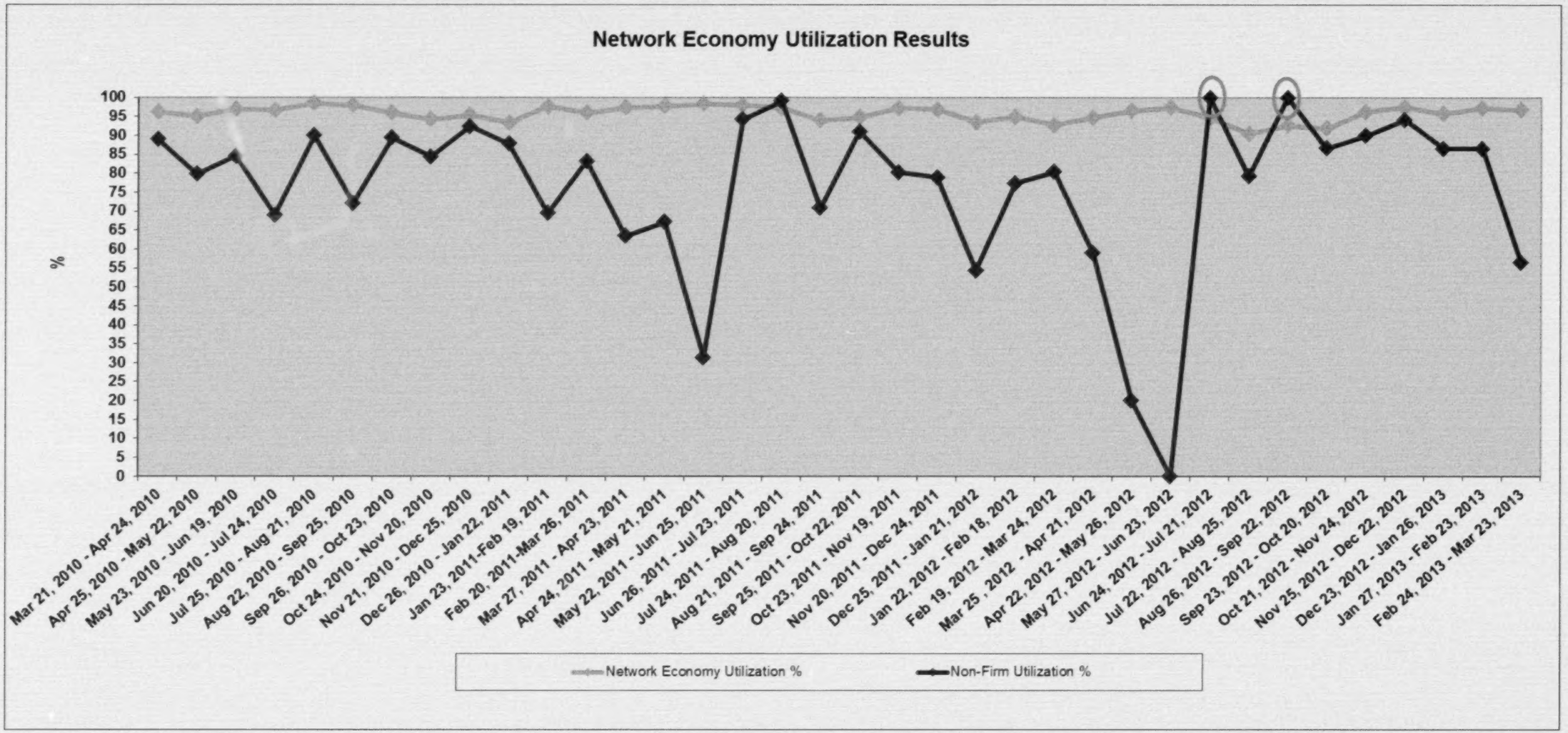
This graph shows that the highest amount of Network Economy transmission reserved for import on the BPAT – BCHA path was 790,925 MWh for the period August 22, 2010 – September 25, 2010 followed by 684,352 MWh for the period of March 27, 2011 to April 23, 2011. Import transmission reservations for all other time periods from March 21, 2010 to March 23, 2013 are essentially below 600,000 MWh.

Graph 2: The graph below illustrates the Network Economy transmission volume (MWh) that was reserved by the Network Customer from March 21, 2010 to March 23, 2013 on the AESO - BCHA import path.



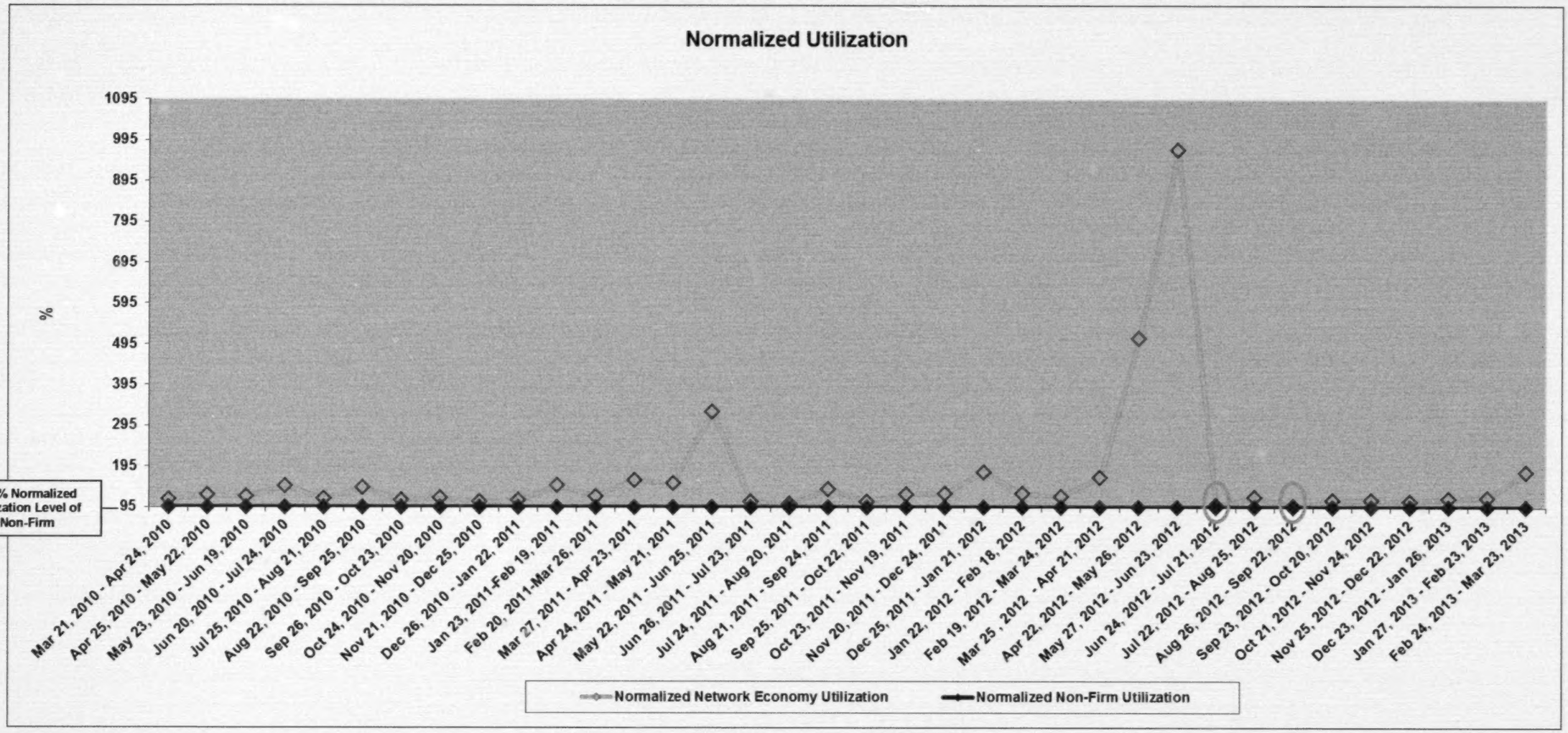
This graph shows that the highest amount of Network Economy transmission reserved for import on the AESO – BCHA path was 5,564 MWh for the period March 21, 2010 – April 24, 2010 followed by 3,160 MWh for the period of October 24, 2010 – November 20, 2010. Import transmission reservations for all other time periods from March 21, 2010 to March 23, 2013 are essentially below 2,000 MWh. (Refer to Item 5 (in Appendix 1 to Order No. G-127-06, Page 11 of 20), in Appendix 5 for the definition of the Reporting Period).

Graph 3: The graph below shows the Utilization Rate.



In accordance with Attachment Q-2, Section 5 of the BC Hydro Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT), "The Network Customer must, for the entirety of the reporting period,... maintain an average utilization rate of all Network Economy reservations of at least 95% of the average utilization of Daily and Hourly Non-Firm Point-to-Point service by customers, other than the Network Customer or its marketing affiliates, in pre-schedule and Real-Time, over the same reporting period." BC Hydro calculates the average utilization rate of Network Economy Transmission reservations by the Network Customer and the Non-Firm Point-to-Point (PTP) Transmission reservations by non-Network Customers. The Network Customer passes the Utilization Test if the average utilization rate of the Network Economy transmission reservations divided by the average utilization rate of the Non-Firm PTP transmission reservations of non-Network Customers is greater than or equal to 95%. Data indicates that the Network Customer failed the Utilization Test twice: June 24 – July 21, 2012 and August 26 – September 22, 2012 (refer to Appendix 9). Please refer to the Network Economy Business Practice for details regarding the process and calculations used in determining the Utilization Test.

Graph 4: The normalized graph below also shows that Network Economy utilization during the reporting period has been at least 95% of the average utilization of Daily and Hourly Non-Firm PTP Transmission service by customers to maintain priority. (Refer to Attachment Q-2 for details). The red circles indicate when the Network Customer failed the Utilization Test: June 24 – July 21, 2012 and August 26 – September 22, 2012



Economic Test

The Economic Test uses both the Market Price and the Trigger Price for both the Alberta-BC and the US-BC interties. (Refer to Appendix 8, Network Economy Service Business Practice, for definitions of these prices).

Network Economy transmission reservations will have the priority and rights provided in Section 14.7 of the OATT only if the Market Price is less than or equal to the Trigger Price for the delivery hour ("PASS"). If the Market Price is greater than the Trigger Price for the delivery hour ("FAIL"), Network Economy transmission reservations will have the same priority as Non-Firm PTP transmission service, with the exception that the provisions of Section 14.2 of the OATT providing for reservation priority based on price shall not apply.

Table 1.1: The table below summarizes the Economic Test results as they were calculated (i.e. as affected by the inadvertent error described in BC Hydro's 2012 Network Economy Annual Report (Appendix 5)) for the time periods as indicated, which are performed on a daily basis.

	BPAT - BCHA		AESO - BCHA	
MONTH	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL
April-10	49%	51%	52%	48%
May-10	88%	12%	48%	52%
June-10	100%	0%	54%	46%
July-10	89%	11%	76%	24%
August-10	81%	19%	79%	21%
September-10	100%	0%	98%	2%
October-10	100%	0%	91%	9%
November-10	96%	4%	74%	26%
December-10	100%	0%	19%	81%
January-11	100%	0%	24%	76%
February-11	96%	4%	28%	72%
March-11	44%	56%	6%	94%
April-11	42%	58%	14%	86%
May-11	46%	54%	28%	72%
June-11	39%	61%	15%	85%
July-11	0%	100%	0%	100%
August-11	0%	100%	0%	100%
September-11	0%	100%	0%	100%

	BPAT - BCHA		AESO - BCHA	
MONTH	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL
October-11	0%	100%	0%	100%
November-11	77%	23%	0%	100%
December-11	89%	11%	0%	100%
January-12	96%	4%	0%	100%
February-12	72%	28%	0%	100%
March-12	0%	100%	0%	100%
Apr-12	30%	70&	0%	100%
May-12	31%	69%	0%	100%
Jun-12	32%	68%	4%	96%
Jul-12	29%	71%	0%	100%
Aug-12	0%	100%	0%	100%
Sep-12	0%	100%	33%	67%
Oct-12	23%	77%	52%	48%
Nov-12	100%	0%	25%	75%
Dec-12	100%	0%	30%	70%
Jan-13	98%	2%	13%	87%
Feb-13	98%	2%	57%	43%
Mar-13	87%	13%	87%	13%

Table 1.2: The table below summarizes the Corrected Economic Test results for April – October 2012 and March 2013, which were the time periods within the reporting period in Table 1.1 affected by the inadvertent error reported in BC Hydro's 2012 Network Economy Annual Report (Appendix 5).

	BPAT - BCHA		AESO - BCHA	
MONTH	PASS	FAIL	PASS	FAIL
Apr-12	0%	100%	0%	100%
May-12	0%	100%	0%	100%
Jun-12	0%	100%	0%	100%
Jul-12	0%	100%	0%	100%
Aug-12	0%	100%	0%	100%
Sep-12	0%	100%	100%	100%

Oct-12	10%	90%	10%	90%
Mar-13	0%	100%	0%	100%

Table 2: The table below provides the average Market Price for the US-BC and AB-BC interties for the time periods as indicated.

MONTH	AVERAGE MARKET PRICE[1] ($ / MWh)	
	US-BC	AB-BC
April-10	$37.63	$45.29
May-10	$30.52	$136.03
June-10	$11.67	$59.27
July-10	$31.40	$39.64
August-10	$37.40	$38.89
September-10	$34.30	$29.34
October-10	$32.92	$31.29
November-10	$33.68	$47.18
December-10	$34.34	$59.62
Janauray-11	$27.24	$74.90
February-11	$23.53	$127.37
March-11	$16.75	$50.99
April-11	$20.46	$52.31
May-11	$15.52	$32.23
June-11	$13.09	$71.84
July-11	$18.78	$61.28
August-11	$28.89	$126.26
September-11	$32.32	$96.61
October-11	$27.71	$69.20
November-11	$33.06	$108.52
December-11	$32.96	$51.36
January-12	$26.51	$84.59
February-12	$24.35	$43.66
March-12	$17.17	$51.04
Apr-12	$9.57	$41.88
May-12	$6.15	$29.46
Jun-12	$5.00	$49.25

[1] Calculated as per BC Hydro Network Economy Business Practice

MONTH	AVERAGE MARKET PRICE[2] ($ / MWh)	
	US-BC	AB-BC
Jul-12	$13.11	$68.46
Aug-12	$25.99	$58.72
Sep-12	$24.93	$110.31
Oct-12	$31.43	$88.85
Nov-12	$29.08	$86.81
Dec-12	$25.09	$60.77
Jan-13	$28.33	$57.98
Feb-13	$29.57	$28.68
Mar-13	$33.66	$105.60

[2] Calculated as per BC Hydro Network Economy Business Practice

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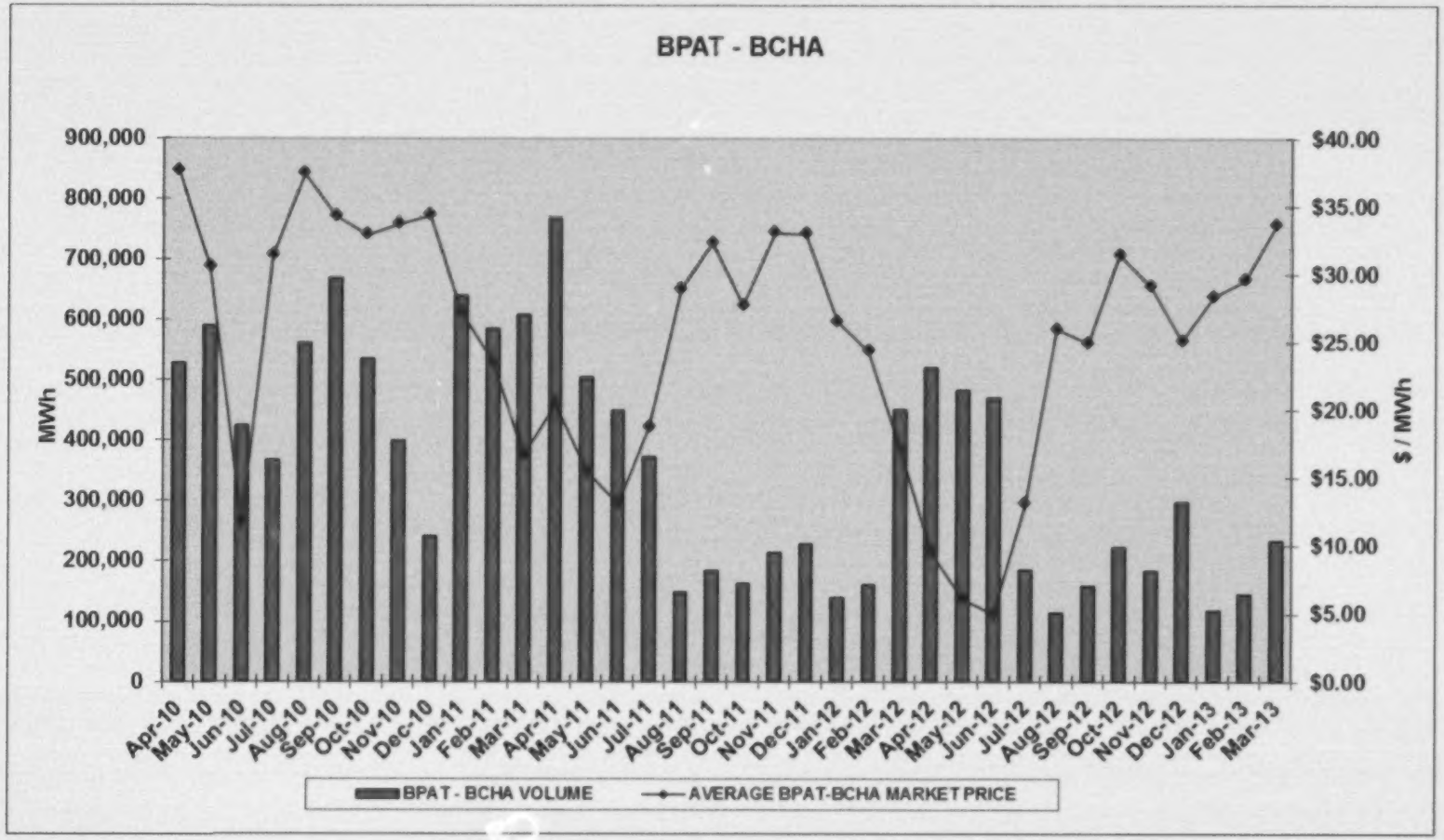
Graph 5: This graph illustrates the relationship between the Network Economy transmission volume and the average Market Price per month from April 2010 to March 2013 for the BPAT–BCHA path.



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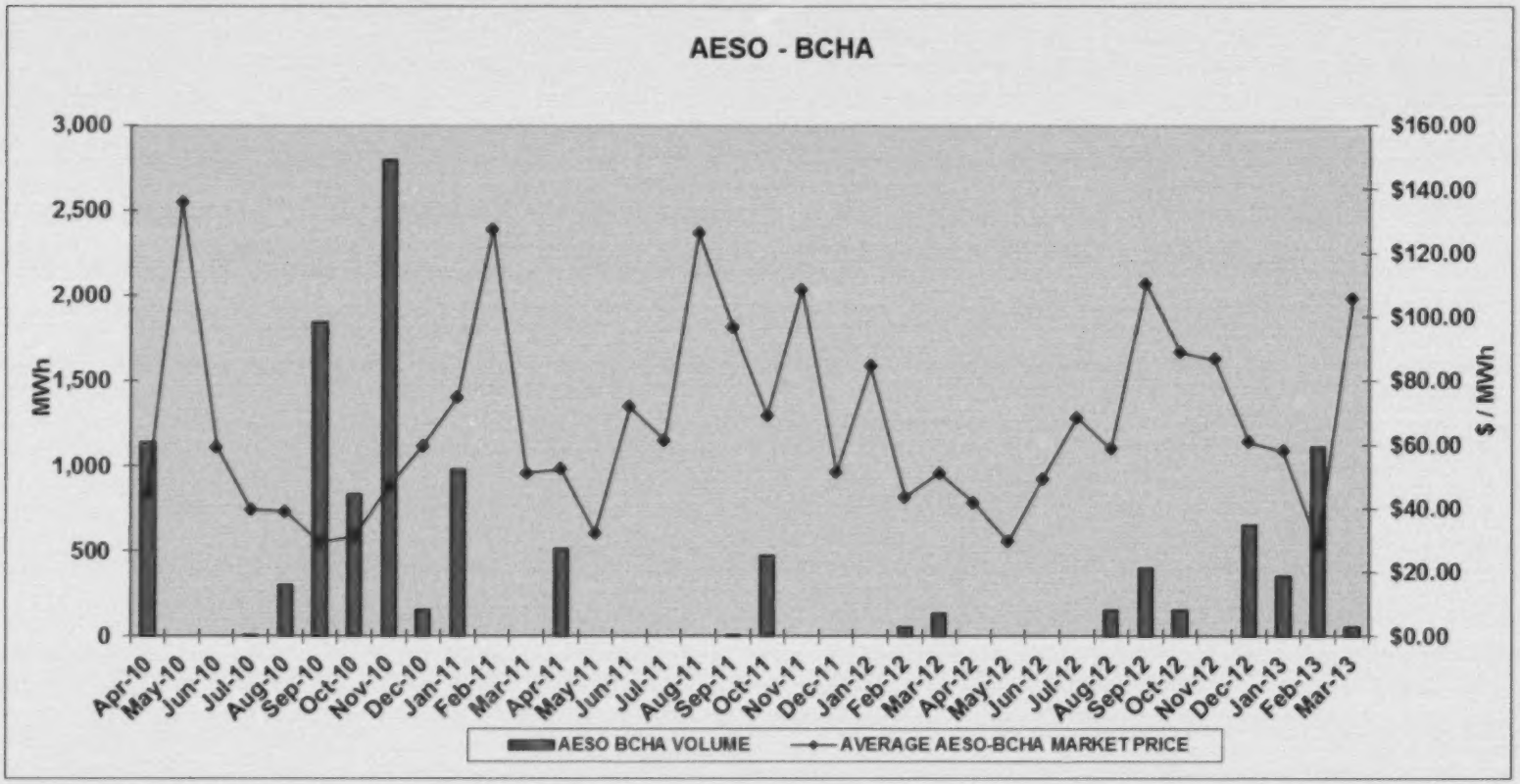

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Appendix 2: British Columbia Utilities Commission Letter No. L-32-09
http://www.bcuc.com/Documents/Orders/2009/DOC_21916_L-32-09_2009%20Network%20Economy%20Mtg%20Cancelled.pdf

Appendix 3: British Columbia Utilities Commission Letter No. L-45-10
http://www.bcuc.com/Documents/Orders/2010/DOC_25642_L-45-10_BCTC-2010-Network-Economy-Meeting.pdf

Appendix 4: April 3, 2013 BC Hydro Bulletin
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Appendix 6: OATT
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Appendix 8: Network Economy Service Business Practice
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Appendix 9: Monthly Network Economy Utilization Results
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